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Attached is an Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR § 1.116, along with an Amendment Transmittal Letter and the Marked-up Version of the Claim. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1700

Attorney's Docket No. 1217-990257**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Serial No.: 09/253,638 Filing Date: February 19, 1999
 Examiner: Fred Zitomer Group Art Unit: 1713
 Invention: "Process for Producing Polymeric Actuators"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 3, 2001, issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-referenced patent application. In view of the amendments and remarks below, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration. Please amend the application as follows:

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